

June 9, 2005

RICK KENT
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Subject: Complaint filed against C. J. "Jim" Rabideau – PDC Case #05-076

Dear Mr. Kent:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) staff has completed its investigation of your complaint received September 27, 2004 alleging that the C. J. "Jim" Rabideau campaign failed to file the C-4 reports due 21 and 7 days before the 2004 primary election, an alleged violation of RCW 42.17.080 and .090.

PDC staff reviewed your complaint in light of the following statute:

RCW 42.17.080 and .090 require candidates to file reports of contributions and expenditures. The reports must be timely, complete, and accurate. A PDC form C-4, summarizing contributions and expenditures, and providing detail on monetary expenditures, must be filed monthly, except for special reports due 21 and 7 days before each election.

You alleged that the C. J. "Jim" Rabideau campaign sponsored political advertising during the primary election, but failed to file C-4 reports due 21 and 7 days before the primary election reporting these activities.

We found that:

- The C. J. "Jim" Rabideau campaign raised \$1,582 and spent \$1,472 during the primary election, of which \$872 was spent on yard signs and posters. Contributions from the candidate's own funds during the primary election totaled \$973. The primary election contributions and expenditures were not reported until October 8, 2004.
- The Rabideau campaign raised \$2,986 and spent \$2,225 for the entire campaign, and no individual contributor, other than the candidate, contributed over \$200. Except for \$200 in general election expenditures, all general election campaign activity was reported timely.

- Mr. Rabideau was unopposed in the primary election and was a first time candidate.

The PDC takes seriously its responsibility to enforce the disclosure requirement of candidates who raise and spend money in election campaigns. The Radideau campaign selected the full reporting option, and had a responsibility to file timely reports of contributions and expenditures.

However, the campaign qualified to use the Mini reporting option, which allows a filer to file only the C-1 Candidate Registration Statement if it raises and spends less than \$3,500 and receives no contributions over \$300 from any donor other than the candidate. In addition, Mr. Rabideau was unopposed in the primary election, and all but \$200 in general election activity was timely reported. Thus, no further enforcement action will be taken. Mr. Rabideau will be cautioned to fully comply with the reporting option selected in future election campaigns.

After a careful review of the alleged violations and relevant facts, we have concluded our investigation and, with the concurrence of the Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, I am dismissing your complaint against the C. J. "Jim" Rabideau campaign.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Phil Stutzman, Director of Compliance, at (360) 664-8853 or toll free at 1-877-601-2828.

Sincerely,

Vicki Rippie
Executive Director

c: C. J. "Jim" Rabideau